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Letter from Caroline Rogers Whitney, Belmont, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1867 October 28

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Belmont, Oct. 28. 1867

Three weeks ago today you, dear Anne, and the other dear travellers were expecting to cross the Alps for Lugano - and we wonder if you did not find it a cold journey - we were having a dismal N.E. storm the Saturday before, but on Monday, the day on which you were to start, we had bright sunshine & a gala day in Boston to greet Genl. Sheridan who had a warm reception. Edward had been ill at home for several days & was very glad to be able to take a trip to Boston to do honor to the hero of Winchester who seems to have a large place in the hearts of the people. I think I never saw such a mass of people in the streets of Boston before, or such an orderly crowd - we did not regret the effort we made to see the modest hero.

Now we know not whether to locate you at Lugano or Rome. If at the former you may not know any better than we what is the state of affairs at the 'Eternal City' - for though you are so much nearer to it, you are not at one end of the cable which annihilates time & space. The accounts are various & conflicting, but we know there must be great commotion & if it continues, how are you to live there unmolested? We shall be anxious to get your next letter & hear your own account. We have been enjoying the most delightful autumn weather possible while the country has been arrayed most gorgeously but now we fear our Indian Summer will soon be over as this charming month draws to its close. It has been a constant regret to me, during all this beauty, that Edward could not take an excursion into the country which he enjoys so much at this season - Mr. Sampson is now able to attend to business & Edward indulges an occasional afternoon

drive. Sarah could not join us this afternoon
on account of a cold which is quite troublesome
but I hope it has reached the crisis & will
soon depart - Mother has nearly recovered from
hers, tho' it is not entirely gone - she thinks
it an epidemic - Father is very well & Susan
better than she has been - she went to Chelsea
on Saturday & has not yet returned - Our household
is well & so I believe are the friends & neighbors
generally, in whom you may be interested - Sarah
will, doubtless, give you full accounts & I must now
say good-night, believing that Edw^d will fill up the
sheet with more acceptable matter - Best love to Addie
 Lovingly yours
Carrie.

Tuesday Oct 29th

If these letters are to run
the gambler of the Lines of the
two contending armies - first to get
to Rome, & then out again to get
to you, whenever you may be
there or from where hence - there
is something of the same un-
- ~~substantiated~~ ^{substantiated} ~~unsubstantiated~~ (a long word, even
if you can make it out) there was
in Charles Lamb's writing to his
friend in China - He had the
feeling - that ~~what~~ the truth that
he was writing at the moment would
very probably be a lie by the time
it reached the other side of the globe.
All the statements made by Sarah
& Carrie, I have no doubt, are pure
unadulterated truths - but - they will
be, I fear, so long in reaching you -
that they might almost as well be lies.
I am sorry my dear that you are
kept out of Rome - but what am I saying?
by the time this reaches Rome the revolution
may be over - I hope - it will be well over
& you ~~will~~ comfortably settled - in Edw^d.